## **Supporting Information**

# Water-Stable Ammonium-Terminated Carbosilane Dendrimers as Efficient Antibacterial Agents

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 $G_1-[Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]_4 (3)$ 

 $G_2$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> (4)



 $G_3$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> (5)

Figure S1. Molecular representation of amine-terminated carbosilane dendrimers 3-5.

### A) $\underline{[(CH_2=CHCH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)](1)}$



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[(CH_2=CHCH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]$  (1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[(CH_2=CHCH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]$  (1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### Adduct [(CH2=CHCH2)N(Et)(CH2CH2NMe2)] (1)· LiBr



**Figure S4**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of adduct [(CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)] (1). LiBr in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of adduct [(CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)] (1). LiBr in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### B) $\frac{[(Et_3SiCH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)] (2)}{[(Et_3SiCH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)] (2)}$



**Figure S6**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[(Et_3SiCH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]$ (2) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S7**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[(Et_3SiCH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]$ (2) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

## C) $\underline{G_1-[Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]_4(3)}$



**Figure S8**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_1$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> (3) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S9.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $G_1$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> (3) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S10**. MALDI-TOF spectrum of  $G_1$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>4</sub>(**3**) in dithranol.

#### D) $\underline{G_2-[Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]_8}$ (4)



**Figure S11**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_2$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> (4) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S12**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $G_2$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> (4) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S13. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-15}N\}$  spectrum of  $G_2$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> (4) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S14. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-29}Si\}$  spectrum of  $G_{2}$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> (4) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S15**. MALDI-TOF spectrum of  $G_2$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> (4) in dithranol.

## E) $\underline{G_3-[Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N(Et)(CH_2CH_2NMe_2)]_{16}(5)}$



**Figure S16**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_3$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S17**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $G_3$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S18. HMQC-{ $^{1}H-{}^{13}C$ } spectrum of G<sub>3</sub>-[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S19. HMBC  $\{{}^{1}H{}^{-15}N\}$  spectrum of  $G_{3}{}-[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}NMe_{2})]_{16}$  (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S20. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-29}Si\}$  spectrum of  $G_{3}$ -[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> (5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### F) $\frac{\{[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^{\dagger}H(Et)(CH_2CH_2N^{\dagger}HMe_2)] 2CI\}}{(6)}$



**Figure S21**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $\{[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2N^+HMe_2)] 2Cl^{-}\}$  (6) in DMSO.

 ${[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^+H(Et)]}$ 



Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  ${[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^+H(Et)(CH_2CH_2N^+HMe_2)] 2CI^}$  (6) in DMSO.

## G) $\underline{G_1}_{Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^+H(Et)(CH_2CH_2N^+HMe_2)]_4 8C\Gamma}$ (7)



**Figure S23**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_1$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 8Cl<sup>-</sup>} (7) in DMSO.



**Figure S24**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $G_1$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 8Cl<sup>-</sup>} (7) in DMSO.



Figure S25. HMBC  ${}^{1}H{}^{-29}Si$  spectrum of  $G_{1}{}[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}H(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}N^{+}HMe_{2})]_{4} 8CI^{+} (7) in DMSO.$ 

## H) <u>G<sub>2</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> 16Cl<sup>-</sup>} (8)</u>



**Figure S26**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_2$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> 16Cl<sup>-</sup>} (8) in DMSO.



Figure S27. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $G_2$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> 16Cl<sup>-</sup>} (8) in DMSO.



Figure S28. HMQC-{ ${}^{1}H{-}^{13}C$ } spectrum of G<sub>2</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> 16Cl} (8) in DMSO.



Figure S29. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-29}Si\}$  spectrum of  $G_{2}^{-}\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}H(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}N^{+}HMe_{2})]_{8} \ 16CI^{-}\} (8) \text{ in DMSO.}$ 

## I) <u>G<sub>3</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> 32Cl<sup>-</sup>} (9)</u>



**Figure S30**. <sup>1</sup>H spectrum of  $G_3$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> 32Cl<sup>-</sup>} (9) in DMSO.



Figure S31. <sup>13</sup>C spectrum of  $G_3$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>H(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>HMe<sub>2</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> 32Cl<sup>-</sup>} (9) in DMSO.



Figure S32. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-29}Si\}$  spectrum of  $G_{3}^{-}\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}H(Et)(CH_{2}CH_{2}N^{+}HMe_{2})]_{16} 32CI\} (9) in DMSO.$ 

## J) $\frac{\{[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^+Me(Et)(CH_2CH_2N^+Me_3)] 2\Gamma\}}{(10)}$



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H spectrum of { $[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^+Me(Et)(CH_2CH_2N^+Me_3)]$  2I<sup>-</sup>} (10) in DMSO.



Figure S34. <sup>13</sup>C spectrum of { $[Et_3Si(CH_2CH_2CH_2)N^+Me(Et)(CH_2CH_2N^+Me_3)]$  21<sup>-</sup>} (10) in DMSO.

## K) <u>G<sub>1</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub>8I<sup>+</sup>}(11)</u>



**Figure S35**. <sup>1</sup>H spectrum of  $G_1$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 8I<sup>-</sup>} (11) in DMSO.



**Figure S36**. <sup>13</sup>C spectrum of  $G_1$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 8I<sup>-</sup>} (11) in DMSO.



of

 $G_1$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et)



**Figure S38**. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-29}Si\}$  spectrum of  $G_{1}^{-}\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}(Me)(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}NMe^{+}_{3})]_{4} 8I^{-}\}$  (11) in DMSO.

### L) <u>G<sub>2</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>8</sub> 16I<sup>-</sup>} (12)</u>



Figure S39. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_2$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 16I<sup>-</sup>} (12) in DMSO.



**Figure S40**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $G_2$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 16I<sup>-</sup>} (**12**) in DMSO.



Figure S41. HMQC-{ $^{1}H-{}^{13}C$ } spectrum of G<sub>2</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>4</sub> 16I} (12) in DMSO.



Figure S42. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-15}N\}$  spectrum of  $G_{2}-\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}(Me)(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}NMe^{+}_{3})]_{4} \ 16I^{-}\} \ (12) \text{ in DMSO.}$ 



**Figure S43**. HMBC  $\{^{1}\text{H}-^{29}\text{Si}\}$  spectrum of  $G_{2}-\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}(Me)(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}NMe^{+}_{3})]_{4} \ 16\Gamma\} \ (12) \text{ in DMSO}.$ 

## M) <u>G<sub>3</sub>-{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et)(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> 32I<sup>-</sup>} (13)</u>



Figure S44. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $G_3$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> 32I<sup>-</sup>} (13) in DMSO.



Figure S45.  ${}^{13}C$  spectrum of  $G_3$ -{[Si(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)N<sup>+</sup>(Me)(Et) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>)]<sub>16</sub> 32I<sup>-</sup>} (13) in DMSO.



Figure S46. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-15}N\}$  spectrum of  $G_{3}$ - $\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}(Me)(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}NMe^{+}_{3})]_{16} 32I^{-}\}$  (13) in DMSO.



Figure S47. HMBC  $\{^{1}H^{-29}Si\}$  spectrum of  $G_{3}^{-}\{[Si(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})N^{+}(Me)(Et) (CH_{2}CH_{2}NMe^{+}_{3})]_{16} 32I^{-}\}$  (13) in DMSO.